

Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility

Koppers Industries, Inc.

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Salem, Virginia 24153
Congressional District 9
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Current RCRA CA Activities

In September 1996, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issued a Permit pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) to administer hazardous waste activities at the facility. In September 1998, EPA issued a Permit for Corrective Action and Waste Minimization, which identified solid waste management units (SWMUs) and areas of concern (AOC) at the facility. The Corrective Action Permit requires investigation of releases from the SWMUs and AOC, and corrective action, if necessary. In 2000, DEQ was granted authorization to administer the HSWA Corrective Action program. As of October 2000, DEQ is the lead agency for Corrective Action at the facility, with EPA providing technical support.

The DEQ issued a permit modification September 2002 requiring the installation of three sentinel wells replacing three off-site wells (M-28, M-29A, and M-29C) inadvertently destroyed and subsequently abandoned. A revised RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Work Plan was submitted by Beazer East, Inc. to EPA and VDEQ and was approved by the Department on July 31, 2002. Field work associated with Phase I of the RFI Work Plan was conducted in September-October 2002. The draft RCRA Facility Investigation Report was submitted on September 24, 2003, and is currently under review.

Site Description

The Koppers Industries, Inc. (KII) facility is located 2.0 miles west of the City of Salem in Roanoke County. It was operated by Koppers Company, Inc. from 1955 to 1988. In 1988 KII purchased the facility from Koppers Company, Inc., which is now known as Beazer East, Inc. (BEI). Pursuant to the agreement to sell the property, BEI retained responsibility for pre-sale environmental conditions, and KII took responsibility for post-sale environmental conditions. BEI has retained lead responsibility for implementing clean-up activities under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act program.

The facility occupies 85 acres on the north bank of the Roanoke River, which borders the facility property to the west and south. The Norfolk and Southern Railroad line runs in a northeast to southwest direction along the northern edge of the property. East of the facility, the Kroger Company owns and operates a warehouse and distribution center.

The facility produces treated wood products using creosote to pressure treat railroad cross ties, bridge timbers and crossing panels. The wood is treated by pressure injection of a creosote solution, which is the only preservative that has been used since the plant began operations.

RCRA CA Milestones

The following RCRA CA milestones have been achieved at this facility: A RFI Work Plan was approved by DEQ on July 31, 2002. Field work associated with Phase I of the RFI Work Plan was conducted in September-October 2002. Migration of Contaminated Groundwater Under Control determination is a YE. However, the Current Human Exposures Under Control determination is still IN.

Environmental Indicator Status

Under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), EPA has set national goals to address high priority RCRA Corrective Action facilities by the year 2005. EPA is evaluating two key indicators for each facility: Current Human Exposures Under Control and Migration of Contaminated Groundwater Under Control. This facility is one of EPA Region III's high priority facilities and falls under this initiative. As of June 25, 2002 the current evaluation of Environmental Indicators for this facility is as follows:

- *Human Exposures Controlled Determination:* IN. Additional information is needed to determine if Human Exposures are Controlled. Please refer to form CA725, September 2003, for more details.
- *Release to Groundwater Controlled Determination:* YE: Migration of Groundwater contaminants under control. Please refer to form CA750, September 2003, for more details.

Contaminants

The primary contaminants in the groundwater and soils at the facility are polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) and volatile organic compounds (VOC). Results of ongoing groundwater monitoring at the facility indicate that, although contaminated groundwater has migrated past the facility boundary, there has been no change in the size of the plume over the last several years.

Community Involvement

The Roanoke Valley facility borders the Roanoke River, and is located in a light industrial and residential setting. VDEQ maintains a facility mailing list that is used to inform the public of substantial issues regarding the facility.

Government Contacts

The Commonwealth of Virginia has the lead authority for this project. Please contact the state project manager listed below for details on this project or the contents of this fact sheet.

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For more information about EPA's corrective action program, including Environmental Indicators, please visit our site at: www.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/correctiveaction.htm

Factsheet Updates

The previous factsheet was updated in July 2003. The next update is scheduled for July 2004. Previous factsheets may be obtained through the listed contacts.